

- **HARISH CHANDRA GHAT, PANIHATI.**

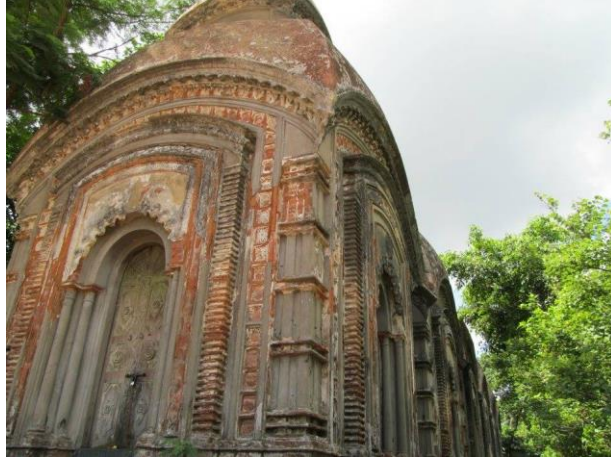
It is a legacy of Harish Chandra Dutta, descending from Dutta family of Panihati, an offshoot of Hatkhola Dutta family. Although Harish Chandra started constructing the Ghat on the bank of river Hooghly and temples along with, his son Nabin Dutta has completed it. There are 12 Shiva temples (द्वादश शिव मन्दिर), 6 on either side of the ghat. This is locally known as — বার মন্দির ঘাট or বাঁধা ঘাট.

The ghat along with the temples are renovated. The ghat has been colored red, from white.



Panihati Municipality states that at Harish Ch. Dutta Road, Bhabanipur, Panihati. Founder-Nabin Chandra Dutta, in memory of father Harish Chandra Dutta, about 200 years back. 12 nos. Shiv Mandir and surrounding garden with many beautiful sculptures. This Ghat has been referred by The Calcutta Port Commissioner in 1924 after survey of the Ganges from Kalna to Gangasagar - "No other ghat down Kalna is so broad, so easy of ascent and so beautiful to look. It never turns dry even at the lowest ebb-tide."

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Shiva temples in the vicinity of the ghat, before renovation.

হাটখোলার দত্তবাবুদের বাড়ীতে বাইগাছীর তেঁতুলিয়া বাগ্গী পাইক থাকিত। যশোহরের তালুক থেকেও চাড়া লেঠেল আমদানী করিলেন। কিন্তু লুটের ভয় গেল না। বড় লোহার সিন্দুক সিঁড়ির পাশের ঘরে — সেই সিন্দুক সরাইয়া চোরকুঠারীতে সরাইতে পারিলে সিপাহীরা সহজে সন্ধান পাইবে না। চাকর-বাকর ডাকিয়া সিন্দুক সরাইতে গেলে জ্ঞানা জ্ঞানি হইবে — নিজেরাই সিন্দুক সরাইতে হইবে। সিন্দুক কিন্তু ওজনে ৫ মণ — কাঠের ৪ পায়ার ওপরে বসান। হরিশচন্দ্র দত্ত — যাঁহার বাঁধাঘাট গঙ্গাতীরে পাণিহাটীতে আছে — এই কাঠের পায়াসুদ্ধ লোহার সিন্দুকের একদিক ধরিয়া উঠু করিয়া ধরিয়া টানিতে টানিতে চোর-কুঠারীতে লইয়া গেলেন। এই সময়ে তাঁহার বয়স ৫২/৫৩ হইবে। প্রত্যহ আশ মণ ওজনের মুগুর ও সং করিয়া নেজাম ভাঁজিতেন।

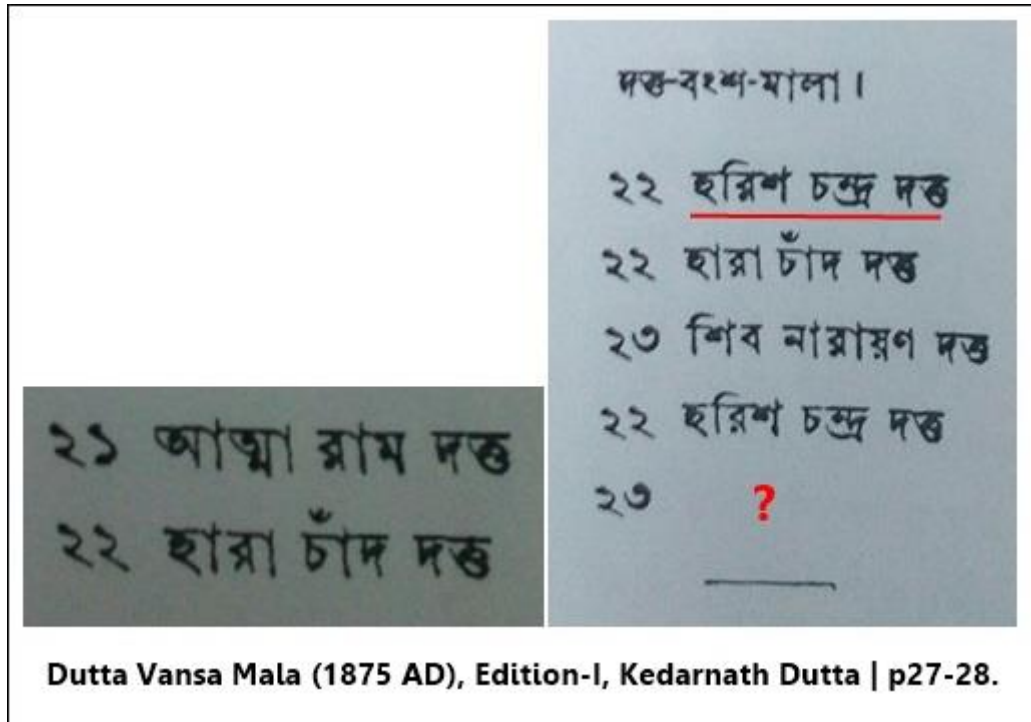
যম দত্তের ডায়ারী—

I can not find the year in which the ghat was built. I tried to trace Harish Chandra Dutta and his son Nabin Chandra in our family tree, given in Kedarnath Dutta's *Dutta Vansa Mala* (1875 AD).

I found that there are three persons from Gobindasharan Dutta's descendents with the same name in the chart. Since the year of construction of the ghat is not known, therefore I can not determine which Harish Chandra was this.

Two of them are from Gobindasharan's 3<sup>rd</sup> grandson Ramchandra Dutta (Hatkhola Dutta family founder)'s descendents, and in *Dutta Vansa Mala* either there is no downline from them, which means either they didn't have son, or may have taken birth after 1875, i.e. after the book has got published, or they have son whose name was not Nabin Chandra.

Now the third one is the descendent of Ramchandra's elder brother Ananta Ram Dutta whose son Durga Ram whose son Atma Ram whose son Harish Chandra. Here *Dutta Vansa Mala* shows a gap (see below), means author could not get the name of this Harish Chandra's son's. So this looks a bit promising to me.



So I guess, it would be Nabin Chandra Dutta.

My sincere thanks to the photographer(s) who took those pictures.